MAUSERS AND DELIRIUM.

Major McClintock Corrects an Historical Error.

Among the so called histories of the war with Spain precipitated before the war was over upon an already suffering public, was one by Trumbull White which is in reality nothing more than a badly and hastily written description of Cuba and disjointed newspaper accounts of the battle of Manila bay and the more important land and naval engagements in and about Cuba. The only redeeming feature of the 'history' is its binding, which is ornate if not rich. Describing this peculiar effect to Mauser bullets, Mr. White writes, or rather copies, from Richard Harding Davis, that Lieutenant Robert Thomas of L troop of the Rough Riders, was shot through the leg and almost immediately after became strangely and wildly delirious.

Major James H. McClintock explained this phenomenon yesterday. Lieutenant Thomas was wounded at Las Gunsimas soon after Major McClintock fell. Just then the New Mexican contingent under Major Llewelyn passed where the lieutenant lay suffering from the thirst which falls upon all wounded men. Thomas called for a drink and Major Llewellyn in the excitement of the conflict flung him his canteen. The lieutenant clutched it and never left off drinking until it was half emptied. The succeeding wonder was not that he was delirious but that he was alive, for the canteen had contained Spanish rum of the vilest variety. Though Thomas was 26 years of age that was his first taste of alcohol. His delirium was one of the incidents which came under the personal observation of Mr. Davis and that brilliant, but flighty nda unreliable war correspondent, immediately countructed a theory upon it that Mauser bullets produced de-lirium.—Republican.



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